

Jessie White

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Sent: Friday, April 06, 2007 10:08 AM
To: 'Jessie White'
Subject: FW: Three mega-projects

Jessie, Please log this comment in. Thanks!

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From: jeanette gann [mailto:jeanette.gann@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2007 9:17 AM
To: DOT_STIP@dot.state.ak.us
Subject: Three mega-projects

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to oppose the three major transportation projects proposed; the Juneau road/ferry project, the Knik Arm Bridge, and the Gravina Bridge.

They will drain money from essential transportation projects in upcoming years due to their extremely high costs and the likelihood of cost overruns.

PLEASE get a validation of cost estimate by the state for the Juneau Road/Ferry Project. A new technical report issued by Golder Associates in December 2006 strongly indicates significantly higher costs for the project than the \$320 million listed in the 2006-2009 STIP Draft.

According to you, our existing transportation infrastructure needs are \$90 million per year for necessary maintenance and upgrades such as enhancing safety, filling potholes, fixing bridges, replacing culverts to allow fish passage, and improving public transit in urban areas, before constructing controversial and non-essential bridges and roads.

These needs MUST be met before starting new mega-projects, it's simple common sense.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Gann
Juneau, AK